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CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT



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Overview

There were a total of 71 crashes in August. This is a 15.5% decrease from the month of July. There were 3 fatal crashes during the month of August resulting in a total of 3 people deceased. There were 2 crashes involving impaired drivers, which is a decrease of 66.7% from last year. Of the 71 total crashes, 12 or 15.5% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 5, or 41.7% of those crashes. Six of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80.

Enforcement activity decreased by 3.2% as compared to July. Speed violations decreased 144 citations or 7.1% from July. Hazardous moving violations were down by 25.9% from the prior month. Occupant restraint violations increased by 42 citations or 21.5% as compared to July. Arrests of impaired drivers prior to crash, increased by 5 or 9.8% over July and 154.5% increase over August 2007.

Commercial vehicle inspections were up by 4 inspections from July and enforcement activity rose by 13.1%. There were 127 more safety violations written than in July and a 13.1% increase in repair orders. There were 53 vehicles and 26 drivers placed, "out of service" in August. Both of these areas remained consistent with the statistical information collected in July. Traffic personnel conducted 346 inspections during the month which is up by 5.5% over July.

Front office personnel showed a decrease in accident reports, arrest reports and incident reports processed. The evidence section showed increases in new cases and items disposed. The Communications Center experienced similar activity to July with slight increases in radio transmissions and slight decreases in CAD incidents.

Central Command personnel performed well during the month of August.

CENTRAL COMMAND

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	Aug-08		Aug-07	% Change		July-08	% Change
Total Crashes	71		77	-7.8%	77	84	-15.5%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	40		55	-27.3%	55	53	-24.5%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	28		20	40.0%	20	28	0.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3		2	50.0%	2	3	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2		6	-66.7%	6	6	-66.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3		2	50.0%	2	3	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2		0	200.0%	0	1	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0.0%	1	0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%	1	1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	12		18	-33.3%	18	13	-7.7%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	7		14	-50.0%	14	9	-22.2%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5		4	25.0%	4	3	66.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 4.2%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 2.8%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 15.5%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Total crashes were down by 13 from July for a 15.5% decrease. There were 6 fewer crashes than the previous year for a 7.8% decrease.
- DUI crashes decreased by 4 or 66.7% from the previous month and year.
- The average BAC for impaired drivers involved in crashes is still pending blood results.
- There were 3 fatal crashes in August, which is the same as the previous month and 1 from the previous year.

There were 12 accidents involving a commercial vehicle during August, which was a decrease of 13 crashes from the previous month. The 12 accidents accounted for 15.5% of the total crashes in the Command. Of the 12 crashes, 5 or 41.7% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. There were 5 crashes involving a commercial vehicle in which a passenger vehicle driver was found to be at fault. Six of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80, the remaining 6 occurred on secondary roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	Aug-08		Aug-07	% Change		July-08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	2		6	-66.7%		6	-66.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	56		22	154.5%		51	9.8%
Other Arrests	209		97	115.5%		223	-6.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	105		59	78.0%		103	1.9%
Speed violations	1874		1754	6.8%		2018	-7.1%
Hazardous moving violations	123		168	-26.8%		166	-25.9%
Occupant restraint violations *	237		151	57.0%		195	21.5%
Total violations [above violations included]	3461		2735	26.5%		3577	-3.2%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	56		19	194.7%		57	-1.8%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	27		6	350.0%		26	3.8%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	749		512	46.3%		745	0.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	6		0	600.0%		0	600.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	151		97	55.7%		138	9.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1097		771	42.3%		970	13.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	53		39	35.9%		42	26.2%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	26		12	116.7%		28	-7.1%
Total school buses inspected	106		101	5.0%		0	10600.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	8		24	-66.7%		0	800.0%
Total trucks weighed	729		237	207.6%		735	-0.8%
Total overweight citations	7		12	-41.7%		10	-30.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	732		472	55.1%		750	-2.4%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Total violations were down by 116 from the previous month for a decrease of 3.2%.
- As such, speed enforcement was down by 144 violations for a 7.1% decrease. Hazardous moving violations were down 43 for a 25.9% decrease. Occupant restraint violations increased by 42 for a 21.5% increase.
- There were 56 DUI arrests prior to crashes for a 9.8% increase over July and a 154.5% increase over the same period last year. The average BAC for impaired drivers was .155%.

- Commercial vehicle inspections were up by 4 for an increase as compared to July. Total violations were up by 13.1% as compared to July. There was a 13.1% increase and repair orders or 127 more violations than in July. There were 26 drivers and 53 vehicles placed out of service. The number of trucks weighed was down by 6 for a 0.8% decrease as compared to the previous month.
- There were 729 trucks weighed by commercial enforcement in August and 195 of those were weighed on secondary roadways during 242 hours of directed enforcement.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
Aug-08	346	111	327	15	9	293	1
Aug-07	260	130	253	20	6	224	0
% Change	33.1%	-14.6%	29.2%	-25.0%	50.0%	30.8%	#DIV/0!

Aug -08	346	111	327	15	9	293	1
July-08	328	90	355	19	15	295	0
% Change	5.5%	23.3%	-7.9%	-21.1%	-40.0%	-0.7%	#DIV/0!

- Traffic operations personnel conducted 346 level 2/3 inspections during August. This was an increase of 5.5% over the previous month and an increase of 33.1% over last year. There was decrease in repair orders of 7.9% but an increase of 23.3% in safety violations. One hundred eleven (111) citations were issued for safety violations. Three hundred twenty seven (327) repair orders were written during the inspections with 9 vehicles and 15 drivers being placed "out of service."

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Aug-08		Aug-07	% Change		July-08	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions	69390		64,951	6.8%		68,936	0.7%
CAD incidents	9722		10,484	-7.3%		9,948	-2.3%
Telephone Calls	8386		10,407	-19.4%		8,058	4.1%
Call Box Incidents	0		23	-2300.0%		N/A	#VALUE!
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	64		77	-16.9%		91	-29.7%
Arrest Reports Processed	62		33	87.9%		99	-37.4%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	6		12	-50.0%		10	-40.0%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	146		201	-27.4%		212	-31.1%
Warrants Entered	139		192	-27.6%		230	-39.6%
Warrants Cleared	239		159	50.3%		219	9.1%
Warrants Validated	0		1266	126600.0%		1301	130100.0%
Extradition / Transports	1		6	-83.3%		7	-85.7%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	30		20	50.0%		31	-3.2%
New Items Submitted	52		50	4.0%		91	-42.9%
Items Disposed	270		157	72.0%		107	152.3%

Contract Service overtime was 972 hours during 11 escorts totalling \$73,440.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Contract services were up considerably from the previous month by \$35,000.
- Communications Center activity remained consistent with the previous month and the previous year.
- The evidence section showed an increase in new cases and items disposed.
- Front Office staff saw decreases in accident reports, arrest reports and incident reports processed.
- The Court/Warrant Unit work process was down in warrants received and warrants entered.

PERSONNEL

- The PSDIV and PSDI positions have been opened and we are expected to begin interviews within the few weeks. Thanks to Mayra Cortez for filling in as an acting PSD IV until that position can be filled.
- The AAI position in Warrants is still in the process of examination to see if it fits into the AAIII series. As soon as a decision is made, the position will be actively recruited.
- Sergeant Wes Masterson has officially retired from the Department of Public Safety/ Highway Patrol Division. Sergeant Masterson retired with 30 years service to the citizens of Nevada.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- PIO Trooper Jim Stewart conducted the annual “National Night Out” on August 5 and represented the division in professional fashion.

AIR OPERATIONS

The Central Command Aircraft flew 60.1 hours, completing 22 missions during the month of August. Five speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month. During the five speed enforcement missions, the aircraft produced the below listed activity:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	119
Hazardous	7
Non-Hazardous	18
Seat belt	3

The remaining missions consisted of three training, five line patrol and two personnel transports.

Nine motorists were assisted during speed enforcement missions. An additional nine were assisted during line missions. The high speed for the month was silver Toyota sedan at a 109 mph in a 75 mph zone West of Wells. Compared to last month the total flight time was up 30%, total enforcement activity is up 17% and motorist assists were down 34%. When compared to August of last year, flight time is up 45%, total enforcement activity is up 55% and motorist assists are down by 18%.